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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE BOAT CASES: THE "MIGHTY"

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1. SUMMARY. JAPANESE REGISTRY VESSEL THE "MIGHTY" WITH 49

VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD AGAIN REFUSED PERMISSION BY GOM TO PUT REFUGEES ASHORE. ITINERARY, ONCE IT LEAVES PORT KLANG, UNCLEAR, ALTHOUGH UNHCR OFFICE HERE EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF ITS RETURN TO SINGAPORE FOR A "SECOND TRY" THERE. MEANWHILE, UNHCR REP SAMPATKUMAR HAS SENT A LETTER ADVISING US AND OTHER INTERESTED MISSIONS OF FORMALIZATION OF INFORMATION DISSEMINATION MECHANISM BOTH BETWEEN GOM AND UNHCR AND IN TURN BETWEEN UNHCR AND OTHER MISSIONS, A WELCOME, ALBIET SOMEWHAT BELATED, DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. MISS FRASER OF LOCAL UNHCR OFFICE REPORTS THAT GOM HAS REFUSED REVERSE DECISION REPORTED KL5400 (NOTAL) NOT RPT NOT TO ALLOW 49 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD JAPANESE REGISTRY VESSEL THE "MIGHTY" TO DEBARK AT PORT KLANG TO STAY IN MALAYSIA TEMPORARILY PENDING RESETTLEMENT. MISS FRASER SAID THAT SHE HAD JUST RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION. SHE ASSUMED BASIS FOR REFUSAL WAS FACT MALAYSIA WAS NOT RPT NOT FIRST PORT OF CALL (VESSEL PREVIOUSLY REBUFFED FROM PUTTING REFUGEES ASHORE AT PORTS IN THAILAND, SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA). SHE WILL ATTEMPT CONTACT SHIP'S JAPANESE OWNERS TO EXPLORE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS, ONE OF WHICH WOULD BE TO HAVE SHIP RETURN TO SINGAPORE AND TRY AGAIN PERSUADE GOS ALLOW REFUGEES TEMPORARY ASYLUM PENDING ACCEPTANCE BY OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM UNHCR REGIONAL REP SAMPATKUMAR, DATED SEPT 16 AND ALSO SENT TO MISSIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHO RECEIVED UNHCR "BOAT CASE" REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT APPEAL, NOTING GOM AGREEMENT TO REGULARIZE PROCESS OF NOTIFYING UNHCR OF NEW BOAT ARRIVALS (I.E., THOSE GIVEN PERMISSION TO LAND) AND CONVEYING LISTS OF THOSE ABOARD, WHICH IN TURN WOULD BE PASSED BY UNHCR TO INTERESTED EMBASSIES.

4. COMMENT: NEGATIVE RESPONSE RE THE "MIGHTY" UNFORTUNATE BUT NOT SURPRISING. NEITHER WE NOR UNHCR HAVE HAD ANY CONTACT WITH VESSEL, WHICH IS ANCHORED SOME DISTANCE OFF PORT KLANG, BUT WE HAVE ASKED UNHCR TO ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT ABOUT CONDITIONS ABOARD. WILL ADVISE OF ITS ITINERARY ONCE KNOWN. RE RATIONALIZING OF INFORMATION DISSEMINATION BY GOM AND UNHCR, THIS IS A WELCOME, ALBEIT BELATED, DEVELOPMENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SINCE COORDINATION BY UNHCR AND AMONG MISSIONS (AND OCCASIONALLY BETWEEN GOM AND UNHCR), TO THE EXTENT SUCH HAS EXISTED GENERALLY HAS RESULTED FROM OUR INITIATIVES. UNDERHILL

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